

# Sunnyvale ReNews

FALL CLEAN-UP EDITION 2005

## CIRCLE THE DATES



**Extra Dump Weekends,**  
**SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road,**  
**Sunnyvale – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



**Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up**



**Compost Workshops**



**Household Hazardous  
Waste Events**  
**164 Carl Road, Sunnyvale**  
**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



**America Recycles Day —  
Pledge to Recycle!**

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**Great Ideas for Fall Cleanup**

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

**Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling**  
**(408) 565-9900**  
[www.sswr.com](http://www.sswr.com)

**City of Sunnyvale Recycling**  
**(408) 730-7262**  
[www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org)

## Fall Clean-up: The Perfect Time to Clean Up and Renew Our Recycling Commitment

**I**t's time for our yearly fall clean up—extra services to enhance the community's health, safety and well being. See the details inside. It's also time to look at our successes. The Sunnyvale community has done a great job of reducing waste and recycling. Over the years we've reduced the amount of waste going to landfills by 56%. But we can do even more. The City of Sunnyvale and Specialty Solid Waste &

Recycling are here to help with programs like compost workshops, garage sale kits, and recycling services. Your year 'round commitment to recycling is very important. Not only does recycling revenue help offset the cost of garbage services, it's also good for the environment and to the quality of life we enjoy here in Sunnyvale. So renew your commitment today and every day. Together, we're making a difference.

### Here's what you can do:



**Recycle, recycle, recycle!**



**Donate more**



**Use less-toxic products**



**Attend a compost workshop**



**Pledge to recycle—  
American Recycles Day—**  
[www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org)



**Purchase thoughtfully  
with waste reduction  
in mind**

## New to Sunnyvale? Want to Know More About Recycling Here?

Call the City of Sunnyvale, Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262 to obtain new resident information including the City of Sunnyvale's Guide to Solid Waste Services. You may also visit us at [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org).



# Curbside Pick-Up: Extra Materials and Garbage

Oct. 3-28 Collection Starts 6:00 a.m.



Each week from October 3rd through October 28th, Sunnyvale residents in single-family, duplex, triplex, and mobile homes can place additional material at the curb to be collected by Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling. During these four weeks you may put out extra materials on each of your regular collection days—that's four days of extra pick-up.

It's easy. Place your unwanted materials neatly at curbside. Securely contain any loose materials to prevent pollution due to scattered litter. We start our routes at 6:00 a.m. and have multiple trucks on the road so we can collect all of your extra items. Large items, for example, will be picked up by a different Specialty vehicle, which may arrive before or after the collection of other materials. If your pick up was missed, please contact Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 565-9900 after 3:00 p.m.

## Specialty WILL Pick Up

| ITEM  | PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS   | SIZE/WEIGHT RESTRICTION  |
|---|--|--|
| Garbage—32 gallon cans  | Fill only to rim. Contain loose materials in plastic bags.   | 70 pound limit   |
| Plastic trash bags  | Make sure bags do not tear.  | 30 pound limit   |
| Refuse in cardboard boxes   | No loose materials such as Styrofoam® peanuts. Put this type of item in garbage bags before disposal.  | No larger than 3' x 2' x 2' and 25 pound limit   |
| Cardboard boxes   | Flatten and tie or tape into bundles.  | No larger than 30" x 30" x 6"  |
| * Appliances – Small such as microwaves   | If item is small (like a toaster) or several small items, place in box or container.   |  |
| * Appliances – Large such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, water heaters              | Remove or securely tape doors closed. Call Specialty at (408) 565-9900 with your address to help with collection planning (a separate truck is used for larger items).                               |  |
| Carpets   | Tie into bundles.  | No more than 4' long and 1' in diameter  |
| * Household furniture, fixtures and large items such as couches, chairs, and mattresses | Stack neatly at curbside so that the items do not interfere with traffic. Call Specialty, (408) 565-9900 with your address to help in collection planning (an extra truck is used for larger items). | * If in good condition, consider donating to a reuse agency (see list at <a href="http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org">www.sunnyvalerecycles.org</a> under "Garage Sales & Donations"). |
| Lawn mowers   | Drain of all fluids.   |  |

**DO NOT PUT YOUR CURBSIDE MATERIAL ON TOP OF WATER METER BOXES. !**

## Specialty WILL NOT Pick Up

| ITEM  | WHAT TO DO WITH THEM  |
|---|---|
| Construction materials and debris such as windows, doors, fencing, sheds and lumber                         | Contact Whole House Building Supply at (650) 856-0634 for possible donation (fee may apply for pick-up service), take to the SMaRT Station**, or call Utility Billing Office, (408) 730-7400 for debris box and disposal details and costs. |
| Hazardous materials such as old paints, thinners, and pesticides  | Take to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event.   |
| TVs or computer monitors  | Take to the SMaRT Station®. Limit of 4.   |
| Sod or tree stumps  | Take to the SMaRT Station**   |
| Tires and other automobile parts such as rims, wheels, engines, camper shells, car seats or auto body parts | Take to the SMaRT Station**   |
| Propane tanks including tanks used in camping   | Take to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event.   |
| Loose debris such as sawdust, rocks, concrete, dirt, Styrofoam peanuts, or ashes (unless bagged)            | Will be picked up if contained in garbage bags and put with regular garbage (make sure ashes are cold before bagging).  |
| Business or commercial waste  | Call Utility Billing (408) 730-7681 for debris box and disposal information.  |

**\*\* Regular disposal fees apply except during Extra Dump Weekends Oct. 1, 2, and 8, 9**

For information about additional disposal options, contact Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 565-9900.



## Extra Dump Weekends

*Oct. 1 & 2; Oct. 8 & 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
For Sunnyvale residents only*

**S**unnyvale residents may dump extra trash at no charge on October 1st and 2nd, and 8th and 9th at the SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road (see map).

To better serve you—we need your help.

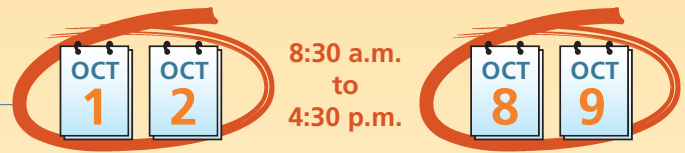
- Have your identification and proof of residency ready at the gate. Acceptable proof of residency includes:  
Your driver's license with your Sunnyvale address or your driver's license plus a 2005 PG&E, telephone, TV cable, or City of Sunnyvale utility bill showing a Sunnyvale address with the name on the bill matching the name on the driver's license.
- Drive carefully through the SMaRT Station and follow instructions.
- Unload quickly so other residents can access the tipping area.

### Restrictions:

- A Sunnyvale resident must be in each vehicle with each load.
- No vehicles larger than one-ton load capacity will be admitted.
- Asphalt, concrete, dirt and sod require special handling. You may be diverted to a special line to unload these materials.

- No more than four (4) tires.
- No more than a total of four (4) items — TVs or monitors
- No business or commercial materials.

**Please note:** Hazardous materials **will not** be accepted. Bring hazardous materials to a monthly Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event.



## Composting Workshop Learn How to Give Your Plants a Healthy Boost



*Next Workshops—Sept. 10, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
Sunnyvale Community Center, Heritage Building*

**J**oin your neighbors at a composting workshop. Learn how to make compost at home—mixing grass clippings, leaves, yard trimmings and kitchen scraps. Have a small yard or no yard? Come and learn about worm bin composting. Each workshop is led by experienced gardeners and composters. You'll grow healthier plants, using less water and fewer pesticides. And after attending a workshop, Sunnyvale residents may purchase a Smith & Hawken Biostack compost bin and instruction book for only \$28. That's 69% off the retail price! Call (408) 730-7262 to reserve your place.



## Monitor Disposal Now Free!



**D**o you have an old computer monitor you no longer want? If it works, consider donating it to a school or other community organization. If it doesn't, bring it (or TVs) to the SMaRT Station collection center where you can leave it free of charge. It's important to keep the toxic materials inside these products out of our landfill, food and water supplies (it's also illegal to dispose in the garbage). Four item limit applies.



Enhance your yard with compost! Sunnyvale residents can get finished compost at the SMaRT Station free of charge.



# It's Easy to Recycle at Curbside!

**T**o support your pledge to step up your recycling efforts and reduce waste, we want to make it as simple as possible for you to recycle at curbside.

## What to Recycle in the Split Cart:

### Green Side:

- Newspapers, newspaper inserts and phone books only.

### Blue Side:

- Glass food and beverage containers.
- Metal food and beverage cans.
- Plastic bottles and jars (#1 – 7) such as laundry detergent, dish soap, milk, water, juice, soda, and shampoo, as well as margarine tubs and yogurt containers.



**Do not put Styrofoam® blocks or "peanuts" in the split cart.**

### A few reminders:

- Empty contents from all containers before recycling.
- It's okay to include lids with your recyclables.
- Take care in preparing your recyclables to prevent litter.
- Wait until your cart is at least half full, before you put your cart at the curb.
- Place the cart with handles facing away from the street, wheels to curb.



CUT HERE AND SAVE



Recycle your household batteries at curbside, too! Put them in a tightly sealed, clear plastic bag. Then put the bag on top of your split recycling cart.



## Send Us Your Junk Mail

**A**t the SMaRT Station we sort mixed paper (including junk mail) from the garbage and it really adds up. In a year we can retrieve and process over 32,000 tons of mixed paper. So collect your "junk mail" and put it into the garbage. We'll do the sorting at the SMaRT Station. Follow these simple steps:

- Put your mixed paper, including "junk mail" in a sturdy paper bag(s).
- When the bag is full, put it into your garbage container.
- Do not put mixed paper or other materials into your recycling cart.



- You can also bring your mixed paper to the SMaRT Recycling Center, seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To reduce your junk mail in the future, visit [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org).

See "Hot Topics" then "Junk Mail" for tips and a junk mail reduction kit.



## It's Smart to Recycle at SMaRT too!

Residents and businesses of any community can drop off the following material at no cost:

- Aluminum cans, foil, and food containers
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Corrugated cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Newspapers
- Computer paper and white office paper
- Mixed paper including "junk mail"
- Plastic containers #1 - #7
- Plastic bags, grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, and dry produce bags
- Scrap metal including metal pots and pans, small metal appliances, and jar lids

The following items may be dropped off only by residents of Mt. View, Palo Alto, and Sunnyvale (these materials cannot be accepted from businesses):

- Auto batteries, used motor oil and oil filters, and anti-freeze
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Household batteries
- Hypodermic needles
- Household thermometers and thermostats
- TVs and computer monitors



**Where:** 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

**When:** 7 days-a-week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**NOTE:** Hazardous materials, other than those listed above, CANNOT be accepted at the SMaRT Station. Bring them to an HHW Event at 165 Carl Road, 9/17, 10/15, & 11/19 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the City of Sunnyvale Recycling at (408) 730-7262.

## New Rules for Some Types of Hazardous Waste:

Due to legislation with a possible effective date of February 2006, California state law may change for dis-

posal of several types of products known as Universal Waste. These products, such as batteries, fluorescent bulbs and thermometers, must not be put in your trash. The good news is that they can be brought to the SMaRT Station (see above) both now and when the law changes.

## Want to Rid Your House of Hazardous Products?

Fall Clean Up is a great time to round up those unwanted pesticides, cleaning products, automotive fluids, paints and other toxic products and bring them to a scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event in Sunnyvale. Please follow these important guidelines:

- Bring material in the original container or use a non-leaking sealed container. **Do not bring products in containers that you want to keep**, such as recycle bins, garbage cans, or plastic storage boxes. Place products in disposable boxes, bags, or buckets for quicker removal from your vehicle. **No containers will be returned.**
- It's helpful if you sort materials by these categories:
  1. aerosols
  2. paints, flammables, and auto fluids; and
  3. cleaners, and yard or garden products..
- Never mix chemicals.
- Limit: 5 gallons or 50 pounds per vehicle.
- For your safety, transport in your pickup bed or away from the passenger area.
- We love pets, too, but please leave them at home.
- Questions? Call (408) 730-7262.

## Easy Tips to Reduce the Use of Toxic Chemicals in Your Home Year 'Round

Use non-toxic housekeeping, gardening, and hobby supplies whenever possible. Do the easiest thing first! Look for less toxic household products when you shop. Plan ahead. Buy only what you need. Then read and follow directions exactly. Keep unused portions in the original containers and store in a safe place away from children, pets, or sources of ignition. Use up, rather than throw out, hazardous substances.

Want to save money or make your own safe household cleaners from quick and easy recipes? See details on our web site: [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org). Go from Hazardous Materials to Keeping a Healthy Home.



Fall's a great time to clean those drains. First, flush with boiling water. Then pour 1/4 cup of baking soda, add 2 ounces of vinegar, put the cover over the drain and listen to the gentle, cleaning action of the soda and vinegar.



## Pledge to Recycle Today and Every Day

Of course a great quality of life and a clean environment are enough reason to recycle, but if you want more incentives and fun, check out the prizes you could win just by committing to step up your recycling efforts. To learn more, visit America Recycles Day at [www.americanrecyclesday.org](http://www.americanrecyclesday.org).



## Protect Our Bay! Keep Yard Trimmings Out of Storm Drains

Do your part to keep storm drains unclogged and prevent pollution of the Bay. Please do not pile or sweep debris, leaves or tree branches in the street or storm drain. Instead, place leaves and yard trimmings in your yard trimmings cart or compost bin. When transporting yard trimmings by truck, be sure to keep them covered. If you have a gardener, please ask your gardener to follow these guidelines, too.



Turn those yard trimmings into **compost**. Your garden will thank you for it. Learn more about composting at a Composting Workshop. See inside for dates.



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## Fall Clean Up Starts



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